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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALGAR, 11 & 12, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, E.C. 3. G. GOSWELL, 20, Abchurch Lane, E.C. 4. HENDY & CO., 37, Wallbrook, E.C. 4. SAMUEL DRAKE & CO., 150 & 154, Leadenhall Street.

PARIS AND EUROPE.—GALLIER & RAYSON, 26, Rue Lafayette, Paris. **NEW YORK.**—ANDREW WING, 21, Park Place.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GORDON, Melbourne and Sydney.

SAN FRANCISCO AND AMERICAN PORTS.—BEAR & BLACK, San Francisco.

SINGAPORE, STRAITS, & S.W. INDIA.—SINGAPORE STRAITS, 60, Raffles Place, Singapore. G. HARRIS & CO., Malacca.

CHINA.—MACAO, MESSRS. A. A. MARRAS & CO., SINGAPORE, QUEEN & CO., AMOY, WILSON, NICHOLS & CO., FOOCHOW, HONGKONG & CO., SHANGHAI, LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., HONGKONG, YOKOHAMA, LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Bank.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid-up Capital, \$5,000,000.
Investment, on 923,765.62
New Shares, \$5,235,765.62

RESERVE FUND, \$2,500,000.
Investment of Premium, 608,336.43
\$3,108,336.43

COURT OF DIRECTORS.
Chairman—Wm. RENNIE, Esq.
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HONGKONG.
INTEREST ALLOWED.
ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 " " " "
" 12 " 5 " " " "

Local Bills Discounted.
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.
Funds granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.
Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East.
Hongkong, August 25, 1883.

Intimations.

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

QUARANTINE AT EGYPTIAN AND CONTINENTAL PORTS.

ARRANGEMENTS have been made for passing the Company's Steamers through the SUEZ CANAL in QUARANTINE, thus avoiding any detention in EGYPT. The Homeward Mails are now being landed at VICTORIA, but the QUARANTINE which is still imposed at this and all other Continental Ports prevents the landing of Passengers and those travelling by the Company's Steamers are advised to remain on board the Vessel which calls at Marseilles en route—stopping a few hours only to discharge Cargo—and proceed in her direct to London, thus avoiding all QUARANTINE delays and inconveniences.

The Passengers of the Steamers will be accommodated, and they will not call at MALTA or GIBRALTAR.

R. L. WOODIN, Acting Superintendent.
Hongkong, September 6, 1883.

HOP SHING & Co.,
ENGINEERS, BOILER MAKERS,
CUPPER SMITHS, BRASS & IRON
FOUNDERS, &c.,
NESS-IRON WORKS.

HAVING This Day commenced Business, are ready to undertake Work of the above Descriptions under the Supervision of Messrs. Hop Shing & Co., and at moderate terms.

ENGINE ROOMS, WEST POINT, Hongkong.
24th September, 1883.

It frequently occurs that from damp or otherwise Good Tea is spoiled from the fact of being musty, mouldy, unpalatable to foreigners' taste and unfit for their use.

This refuse Tea, the Lady Superiors of the Italian Court now come forward and beg the LADIES and GENTLEMEN to let her have for her numerous Chinese pupils, for whom the sole beverage of luxury is Tea.

Hongkong, September 10, 1883.

FREDERIC ALGAR,
COLONIAL NEWSPAPER & COMMISSION AGENT,
11, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, LONDON.

THE Colonial Press supplied with Newspapers, Books, Types, Ink, Presses, Papers, Correspondence, Letters, and any European Goods on London terms.

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS.
Colonial Newspapers received at the office are regularly filed for the inspection of Advertisers and the Public.

Intimations.

HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS.

It having been found impracticable to make a Correct Catalogue of the Club Library without Calling in the BOOKS and CLOSING the ROOM for about ONE WEEK, Members are particularly requested to RETURN ALL BOOKS in Circulation, on or before the 15th November instant. No Wines will be issued after the 15th November.

Any STRAY WORKS or Odd VOLUMES belonging to the Club, if returned, will be thankfully received, and Books taken out and not returned will be charged to the Members in whose Names they are entered.

By Order of the General Committee,
A. O. GOURDIN,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, November 6, 1883. no15

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned has This Day resumed his duties as SECRETARY of the Company.

By Order,
W. H. RAY, Secretary.
Hongkong, November 12, 1883. no10

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO DAILY BOARDERS.

UNTIL further Notice the CHARGES now prevailing will be CONTINUED after the 1st Proximo.

By Order of the Directors,
LOUIS HAUSCHILD, Secretary.
Hongkong, November 8, 1883. no15

A Good BOOKKEEPER, who has a few spare hours in the early morning, would be glad to take Charge of a Set of Accounts. Terms very moderate.

Address "M. M. R.",
c/o China Mail Office.
Hongkong, August 24, 1883.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

A Second and Final BONUS of Five per cent. on Contributions, and a DIVIDEND of EIGHTEEN DOLLARS and TWENTY-NINE CENTS per Share for the year 1882, will be Payable on MONDAY, the 22nd Instant.

Shareholders may be had on application at the Office of the Society on and after that date.

By Order of the Board,
DOUGLAS JONES, Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, October 22, 1883.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE THIRD CALL of £10 Sterling per SHARE on the 20,000 SHARES, NEW ISSUE of this Corporation, will fall due on the 30th SEPTEMBER CURRENT, in London, Calcutta, Bombay, Shanghai and Hongkong.

Registered Shareholders entitled to NEW SHARES, are requested to Pay, at the respective Offices, the above Call or its equivalent in the Currency of the above-mentioned places.

Provisional Certificates are being issued in Exchange for the 1st Call Receipts, which are to be surrendered to the Bank.

Holders of Provisional Certificates, when paying this Call, will please send same to this Office to be endorsed.

The Rate of Exchange for Hongkong is fixed at 5/7d. or \$64.70 per Share.

Interest at the Rate of 7 1/2 per Annum will be charged on Calls unpaid on the 30th SEPTEMBER.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.
Hongkong, September 12, 1883.

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

ON and after the 1st OCTOBER, the PRICE of ICE will be REDUCED to 1/11 Cents per pound.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.
Hongkong, September 15, 1883.

MRS. P. SMITH, PRIVATE TIFFIN ROOMS.

At Nos. 8 & 9, Robinson Road.

MEALS & REFRESHMENTS AT ALL HOURS.

TIFFIN ROOMS, BILLIARD ROOM, AND READING ROOM.

N.B.—NO EXTRA CHARGE FOR THE USE OF READING and BILLIARD ROOMS.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR BOARD and LODGING can be made by applying to Mrs. P. SMITH, On the Premises, Robinson Road.

Hongkong, October 16, 1883. no13

Mr. Andrew Wind, News Agent, &c., 133, NASSAU STREET, NEW YORK, is authorized to receive Subscriptions, Advertisements, &c., for the China Mail, Overland China Mail, and China Review.

For Sale.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

HAVE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING NEW GOODS:

FENDERS and FIRE-IRONS, New FIRE-GUARDS and COAL VASES, KEROLINE COOKING STOVES, NEW "DUPLIX" TABLE LAMPS in New Designs, New FOLDING LAMP SHADES, LINEN "DAGMAR" SHADES, "SARATOGA" TRUNKS and LADIES' DRESS TRUNKS, TRAVELLING BAGS and HOLD-ALLS, DESPATCH BOXES and PORTFOLIOS, New "SLIDER" PLAYING CARDS, "MOBILS" and "SQUEEZERS," CALL BELLS, SOAP BOOKS, New OFFICE SUNDRIES, CHRISTMAS CARDS in New Prime Designs, MENU and NAME CARDS, PORCELAIN MENU TABLETS, ARTISTS' MATERIALS and New CANVASES, AIR BEDS and CUSHIONS, New OUTFITTERY, CHERRY'S FELT-HATS in New Shapes and Colours, ELLIOTT'S FELT-HATS on Cork, CRICKETING CAPS and "TAM-O-SHANTER" CAPS, TENNIS SETS, TENNIS BATS, TENNIS BALLS, CRICKET BATS, BALLS and STUMPS, GUNS and SPORTSMAN'S SUNDRIES, CORN TOBACCOES, Fresh GOLDEN CLOUD, Fresh BIRDSEYE and MIXTURE, MANILA and PENANG CIGARS, New SADDLERY WHIPS and FLY SWITCHES, CURRY-COMBS and BRUSHES, SADDLES and SADDLE-CLOTHS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

SAYLE & Co.'s SHOW-ROOMS.

Now showing EX. S.S. "GLENFELIN."

FIRST delivery of CHRISTMAS TOYS, WRITING CASES, WORK BOXES, BLUSH FRAMES, JEWEL CASES, &c., &c.

LADIES' and GENTLEMEN'S KID GLOVES in all Colours and Sizes, Fur-lined KID GLOVES, DRIVING GLOVES, CLOTH GLOVES, and MITTS.

LADIES' and CHILDREN'S HOSIERY suitable for the Present Season. FURS and FUR TRIMMINGS in great variety.

TO ARRIVE PER "GLENFELIN" SPECIALITIES IN CHRISTMAS CARDS.

SAYLE & Co., VICTORIA EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, November 2, 1883.

Intimations.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have been appointed AGENTS of the OHINA SHIPPERS' MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co. Hongkong, October 20, 1883. no20

CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONDS FOR THE YEAR 1882.

SHAREHOLDERS are hereby requested to send in to this Office a List of their Contributions of Premium for the year ending 31st December last, in Order that the PROPORTION of PROFIT for that year to be paid as BONUS to Contributors may be arranged. Returns not sent in before the 30th November next, will be made up by the Company, and no subsequent Claims or Alterations will be allowed.

By Order of the Board,
JAS. B. COUGHTRE, Secretary.
Hongkong, September 1, 1883. no1

WILLIAM DOLAN, RAIL-MAKER & SHIP-CHANDLER.

22, PRATA CENTRAL.

COTTON DUCKS, HEMP CANVAS, MANILA ROPE, AMERICAN OAKUM, LIFE BUOYS, COCK JACKETS, &c., &c., &c.

Hongkong, May 1, 1882.

A GENTLEMAN who has had long and varied experience in COMMERCIAL BUSINESS and is quite competent to take charge of BOOKS, CASH, CORRESPONDENCE or the GENERAL MANAGEMENT of an Office is open to re-engagement in China, at the end of the year. Unexceptionable References. Address "DELTA," Post Office, Amoy.

October 23, 1883. no22

For Sale.

FOR SALE CHEAP.

FIVE Hundred to Six Hundred Tons COKE and COAL TAR, in lots to suit, from one ton upwards.

CHOY CHEW, 930, Prata West.
Hongkong, June 18, 1883. no16

RODERICK DHU WHISKY.

A Pure, Fine-Flavoured Blend, Equal in Bouquet and Style to the Finest FRENCH BRANDY.

Sole Agent, Hongkong, C. L. THEVENIN.

Hongkong, October 19, 1883. 10ja84

FOR SALE.

JULES MUM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE, Quarts, \$18 per 1 doz. Case. Pints, \$19 per 2 doz. Case.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co. Hongkong, November 1, 1881.

THE REPORT OF THE TRIAL OF LOGAN AT CANTON.

which appeared in the China Mail has been printed in PAMPHLET FORM, and is now on Sale.

Price, 30 Cents. Hongkong, October 3, 1883.

For Sale.

PUBLICATIONS.

BY JOHN CHALMERS, M.A., LL.D., to be bought of LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. and KELLY & WALSH.

Structure of Chinese Characters, \$4.00. Cantonese Dictionary, 3.00. Concise Kanghi, half call., 5.00. Do. stitched, 3.00. Ten-tel-ling, 2.00. The Question of Terms, 1.00. Origin of the Chinese, 1.50. The Rhythms of the Shih, 1.00. LONDON Mission, Hongkong, May 16, 1883. no16

FOR SALE.

GOOD BORDEAUX CLARET in cases of 1 doz. Quarts at \$3.50. WOLFE SCHIEDAM SCHNAPPS in cases of 12 Bottles at \$6.00. Also, some PRIME HOLLAND JEN- EVER in Stone bottles, and some POMERANZEN WITTE.

Double Barreled Breach Loading GUNS, RIFLES, REVOLVERS, CARTRIDGES and SHOT, &c., &c., &c.

J. F. SCHEFFER, 21 and 25, Fooking Street. Hongkong, August 10, 1883. no16

C. L. THEVENIN, WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANT.

HONGKONG HOTEL BUILDING, HAS FOR SALE

A Fine Assortment of WHITE and RED BURGUNDIES—GRAND HERMITAGE, CHAMBERLIN, POMERAN, RICHESBOURG, CRABLES, Pils and Quarts, &c., &c.

OLD PORT, SHERRY, WHISKY, COGNAC, Assorted LIQUEURS and SYRUPS, PERFUMERY, &c., &c., &c.

Hongkong, October 17, 1883.

NOW ON SALE.

A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANTONESE DIALECT.

By DR. K. J. EITEL.

CROWN OCTAVO, PP. 1018.

HONGKONG, 1877-1883.

Part I. A-K, \$2.50. Part II. K-M, \$2.50. Part III. M-T, \$3.00. Part IV. T-Y, \$3.00.

A Reduction of 10 per cent. will be allowed to purchasers of Ten or more copies.

This Standard Work on the Chinese Language, constructed on the basis of Kanghi's Imperial Dictionary, contains all Chinese characters in practical use, and while alphabetically arranged according to the sounds of the oldest dialect of China, the Cantonese, it gives also the Mandarin pronunciation of all characters explained in the book, so that its usefulness is by no means confined to the Cantonese Dialect, but the work is a practically complete Thesaurus of the whole Written Language of China, ancient and modern, as used all over the Empire, whilst its introductory chapters serve the purposes of a philological guide to the student.

A Supplement, arranged for being bound and used by itself, and containing a List of the Radicals, an Index, and a List of Surnames, will be published and sold separately.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong, January 10, 1883.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION OF ENGLISH AND CANTON-MADE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, PIANO, &c.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on FRIDAY,

the 16th November, at 2 p.m., at No. 5, West Terrace, the Residence of Captain Orr,—

THE WHOLE OF HIS ENGLISH AND CANTON-MADE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,

comprising—

CHESTONNE-COVERED DRAWING-ROOM SUITE, ENGLISH-MADE CHAIRS, TABLES, WHATEVER, OIL PAINTINGS, PENDULES and LOST CHANDELIER.

GRAND PIANO, by CHICKERING.

ENGLISH-MADE OAK SIDEBOARD, EXTENSION DINING TABLE, CHAIRS, DINING WAGGON, PLATED GLASS and CROCKERY WARE, &c., &c.

LOST BEDSTEADS, MATTRESSES, &c., CURTAIN DRAWERS, WARDROBES, MARBLED WASHING STAND, DRESSING TABLE, RUSS, LACE CURTAINS, DAVENPORT, PICTURES, &c.

BATH TUB with SHOWER APPARATUS, &c., Flowers in Pots, &c.

Catalogues will be issued previous to the Sale.

The above will be on view on Thursday, the 15th November, 1883.

Terms of Sale.—As customary.

G. R. LAMMERT, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, November 9, 1883. no15

PUBLIC AUCTION OF JAPANESE & COREAN PORCELAIN WARE, CURIOS, &c., &c.

THE Undersigned will Sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY,

the 17th November, 1883, at 2 p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Peddar's Wharf,

A LARGE and FINE COLLECTION OF JAPANESE & COREAN PORCELAIN WARE,

comprising—

SATSUMA, YINDO, KANDA and MIYAO VASES, TUBOS, CORAL PLATES, DISHES, TEA SETS, CUPS, ORNAMENTS, COREAN VASES and TUBOS, &c.

BLISS and PORCELAIN ENAMELLED JARS, VASES, BOWLS, PLATES, INCENSE BURNERS, BRONZE, GLASSWARE, &c.

SIX ENAMPELLED and PAPER SCREENS, LACQUERWARE, CURIOS, &c., &c., &c.

Catalogues will be issued previous to the Sale, and the Articles will be on view on Friday, the 16th November.

Terms of Sale.—As customary.

G. R. LAMMERT, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, November 13, 1883. no17

To Let.

TO LET.

"BISNEZ VILLA" PORPOULUM, Furnished.

No. 4, SEMOUR TERRACE.

Apply to DAVID SASSON, SONS & Co. Hongkong, November 7, 1883.

G. O. D. W. N. S. T. O. L. E. T.

PRATA EAST AND WANCHAI ROAD.

For Particulars, apply to SIEMSEN & Co. Hongkong, April 26, 1882.

TO LET.

THE PREMISES now occupied by us, No. 11, Queen's Road Central.

For further Particulars apply to Messrs. RUSSELL & Co.

Geo. R. STEVENS & Co. Hongkong, August 1, 1883.

Notices to Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S. S. "KUMAMOTO MARU," FROM KOBE AND NAGASAKI.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above Vessel are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for consignments, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after Saturday, the 10th Instant, will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

H. J. H. TRIPP, Agent, Mitsui Bishi Mail S. S. Co. Hongkong, November 9, 1883. no10

NETHERLANDS INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM BATAVIA AND SAIGON.

THE Steamship "Compa" having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for consignments, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents. Hongkong, November 12, 1883. no19

WASHING BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.) WASHING BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, for sale at this Office. Price, \$1 each.

CHINA MAIL OFFICE.

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR SWATOW AND HANGKOW.

THE SCOTTISH ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

The Company's Steamer "Caledonia," Capt. J. G. Jones, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 15th Inst., at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to YUEN YAT HONG, Agents. Hongkong, November 12, 1883. no15

FOR HOIHOW AND HAIPHONG.

For Sale.

MACWEN, PRICKEL & Co.
No. 53, Queen's Road East,
(OPPOSITE THE COMMERCE)
ARE NOW LANDING
FROM AMERICA.

**CALIFORNIA
HACKER**
COMPANY'S BISCUITS in 5 lb
tins, and loose.
Soda BISCUITS.
Assorted BISCUITS.

Small HOMINY.
Cracked WHEAT.
OATMEAL.
CORNMEAL.

White BEANS.
TOPOCAN BUTTER.
EASTERN and CALIFORNIA CHEESE
COMBINATION in Tins.
FINE HAM and BACON.
Eagle Brand Condensed MILK.
Family BEEF in 25 lb cans.
Best Ideal SALMON in 5 lb cans.
Cutting's Dessert FRUIT in 24 lb cans.
Assorted Canned VEGETABLES.
Figs, SAUSAGE and Sausage
MEAT.
Stuffed PEPPERS.
Assorted SOUPS.

Richardson & Hobbs's Celebrated Potted
MEATS.
Richardson & Hobbs's Curried OYSTERS.
CORN OREGON SALMON.
Dried APPLES.
TOMATOES.
SUCCOTASH.
BROWN.
Maple SYRUP.
Golden SYRUP.
LOBSTERS.
OYSTERS.
MONEY.
Corn STARCH.
Green CORN.

FAIRBANKS' SCALES.

400 lb. Capacity.
500 lb. "
600 lb. "
1,000 lb. "
CORN BROOMS.
OFFICE HIGH CHAIRS.
AXES and HATCHETS.
AGATE IRON WARE.
WAFLE IRONS.
SMOOTHING IRONS.
PAINTS and OILS.
TALLOW and TAR.
VARNISHES.

DEVOL'S NONPAREL BRILLIANT KEROSENE OIL,

150° test.
Late Arrivals from
ENGLAND.

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF
STORES,
including:
BREAKFAST TONGUES.
CAYENNE.
ASPARAGUS.
SOUPS, &c.
TERRINE'S DESSERT FRUITS.
ALMONDS and RAISINS.
PICNIC TONGUES.
COCCOA.

VAN HOUTEN'S COCOA.
LAWSON'S & BIR'S COCOA.
FRENCH PLUMS.
PATE DE FOIE GRAS.
MINCEMEAT.
SAUSAGES.
BROWN.
DANISH BUTTER.

SPARTAN COOKING STOVES.

ENGLISH OUTLET.
ELECTRO-PLATE.
CROCKERY & GLASS WARE.

CLARET & PORT.
CHATEAU MARCAUX.
CHATEAU LA TOUB, pink & quart.
CHATEAU LA TOUB, pink & quart.
CHATEAU LA TOUB, pink & quart.
CHATEAU LA TOUB, pink & quart.

SHERRIES & PORT.
BACON'S MANZANILLA & AMON.
TILLADO.
BACON'S OLD INVALID PORT
(1848).
HUNT'S PORT.

BRANDY, WHISKY, LIQUEURS, &c.
1 and 3 star Hennessey's BRANDY.
Bisquit Dubouché & Co.'s BRANDY.
Bisquit Dubouché & Co.'s BRANDY.
Bisquit Dubouché & Co.'s BRANDY.

ROYAL OLD SCOTCH WHISKY.
BOON'S OLD SCOTCH WHISKY.
E. & J. BURN'S IRISH WHISKY.
ROSE'S FINE JUICE CORDON.
NORRIS FRAY & Co.'s VERMOUTH.
CHATEAU LA TOUB, pink & quart.

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BASS'S ALE, bottled by CAMERON and
SAUNDERS, pink and quart.
GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by E. &
J. BURN, pink and quart.
DRAUGHT ALE and PORTER, by the
Gallon.

ALE and PORTER, in hogheads.
SPECIALTY SELECTED
CIGARETTES.

Fine New Season's GUMSHAW TEA, in
5 catty boxes.
BREAKFAST CONGO in 25 cents p. lb.
MINERAL PATENT FIRE-PROOF
SAVES, OASH and PAPER
BOXES, at Manufacturer's Prices.
Hongkong, July 10, 1883.

Mails.

Occidental & Oriental Steam- Ship Company.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS
TO JAPAN, THE UNITED
STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND
SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE,
VIA
THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS.

ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING
STEAMERS.

THE S.S. OCEANIC will be despatched
for San Francisco, via Yokohama,
with the option of calling at Honolulu,
on SATURDAY, the 17th November, at
3 p.m.
Connection being made at Yokohama,
with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan
ports.

All Parcel Packages should be marked to
address in full, and same will be received
at the Company's Office, until 5 p.m. the
day previous to sailing.
Passengers, who
have paid full fare, re-embarking at San
Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa)
within six months, will be allowed a discount
of 20% from Return Fare; if re-embarking
within one year, an allowance of 10% will
be made from Return Fare. Free-Paid Re-
turn Passage Orders, available for one year,
will be issued at a Discount of 25% from
Return Fare. These allowances do not apply
to through fares from China and Japan to
Europe.

Consular Invoices to accompany Over-
land, Mexican, Central and South American
Cargo, should be sent to the Company's
Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs,
San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight
or Passage, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 504, Queen's Road Central,
Hongkong, October 27, 1883. no17

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA,
PORT SAID, SYRIAN PORTS,
NAPLES, MARSEILLES, AND PORTS
OF BRAZIL, AND LA PLATA,
BOMBAY.

ON TUESDAY, the 20th November,
1883, at Noon, the Company's
S.S. P. H. O., Commandant LIEUT.
with MALES, PASSENGERS, SPECIES
and CARGO, will leave this Port for the
above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for
London as well as for Marseilles, and ac-
cepted in transit through Marseilles for the
principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until
Noon of 12th November.

Cargo will be received on board until 4
p.m. Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the
12th November. (Parcels are not to be
sent on board; they must be left at the
Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are re-
quired.

For further particulars, apply at the
Company's Office.
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Hongkong, November 9, 1883. no10

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Hongkong, January 1, 1887.

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Hongkong, November 5, 1883. 6my84

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THIS paper is now issued every day.
The subscription is fixed at Four
Dollars per annum delivered in Hong-
kong or Seven Dollars Fifty Cents in-
cluding postage to Coast ports.

It is the first Chinese Newspaper ever
issued under purely native direction. The
chief support of the paper is of course
derived from the native community,
amongst whom also are to be found the
genuines and the natives necessary to
place it on a business and legal footing.

The projector, basing their estimates
upon the most reliable information from
the various Ports in China and Japan—
from Australia, California, Singapore, Pa-
rang, Saigon, and other places frequented
by the Chinese,—consider themselves justified
in guaranteeing a large and ever-increasing
circulation. The advantages offered to ad-
vertisers are therefore unusually great, and
the foreign community generally will find it
to their interest to avail themselves of them.

The field open to a paper of this descrip-
tion—conducted by native efforts, but
progressing and advancing in tone—
is almost limitless. It is on the one hand
commanded by Chinese belief and interest,
while on the other it deserves every aid
that can be given to it by foreigners.
Like English journals it contains Editorial
Notes, and Shipping, and Commercial
News and advertisements for the above may be
sent to

GEO. MURRAY BAIN,
China Mail Office.

Entertainment.

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THE LOFTUS TROUPE!
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NOTICE.

THE Repertoire of the above Company
is now on view at Messrs. KELLY &
WALSH'S. It contains Eighteen Pieces, from
which intending Subscribers are respectfully
requested to select the Twelve they wish
to be performed; the Management, to be
guided by the majority in order to give
satisfaction.

THE PERFORMANCES
will commence about
the 22nd of this month, November,
with
GILBERT and SULLIVAN'S WORLD-FAMED
PIRATES OF PENZANCE!
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PIRATES OF PENZANCE!!!
BARTLEY O'BRIEN,
Agent.

Hongkong, November 6, 1883.

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Owners will be Responsible for
any Debt contracted by the Officers or
Crew of the following Vessels, during
their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

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—Captain.
Eise, German brig, Captain R. Brinck-
meier. —Captain.
HAYDEN BROWN, Amer. barque, Capt. C.
Havener. —Russell & Co.
LILLY GRACE, Hawaiian barque, Captain
Samuel R. Hughes. —Russell & Co.
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Hongkong, September 24, 1883. 8c684

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Hongkong, September 24, 1883. 8c684

To-day's Advertisements.

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO
STEAMBOAT COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE "KIUNGCHOW" will be with-
drawn from the Hongkong-Canton
Line for a short time, commencing TO-
MORROW (THURSDAY), the 15th inst.,
and will run between MACAO and CANTON,
leaving MACAO on MONDAYS, WEDNES-
DAYS, and FRIDAYS, at 7.30 a.m., and
CANTON on TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS
and SATURDAYS, at 8 a.m.

By Order, P. A. DA COSTA,
Secretary.

Hongkong, November 14, 1883.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instruc-
tions to Sell by Public Auction, on
SATURDAY,
the 17th November, 1883, at 2 p.m., at his
Sales Rooms, Queen's Road,—
AN INVOICE OF
JAPANESE CAMELIA PLANTS,
And
AN INVOICE OF
JAPANESE FLOWER POTS.
TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.
J. M. ARMSTRONG,
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Hongkong, November 14, 1883. no17

THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA (DIRECT).
The Co.'s Steamship
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Captain WRIGHT, will be
despatched for the above
Port on SATURDAY, 17th inst., at 5 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
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General Managers.

Hongkong, November 14, 1883. no17

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW AND AMOY.
The Co.'s Steamship
"Douglas,"
Capt. F. A. Russell, will be
despatched for the above
Ports on SUNDAY, the 18th inst., at
Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, November 14, 1883. no18

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW AND AMOY & FOCHOW.
The Co.'s Steamship
"Douglas,"
Capt. S. Ashmore, will be
despatched for the above
Ports on TUESDAY, the 20th inst., at
Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, November 14, 1883. no20

UNION LINE.

FOR YOKOHAMA AND HIOGO.
The Steamship
"Mosser,"
Capt. Lowrey, due on
from Yokohama, the 21st inst.,
will have immediate despatch for the above
Ports.

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Hongkong, November 14, 1883.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SHANGHAI.
The Steamship
"Feding,"
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despatched for the
above Port TO-MORROW, the 15th inst.,
at 4 p.m.

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SIRMSEN & Co.,
Hongkong, November 14, 1883. no15

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Nov. 14, *Albatross*, German steamer, 400,
P. Thieser, Macao Nov. 13, Ballast.
—Waters & Co.

Nov. 14, *Pessang*, British steamer, from
Canton.

Nov. 14, *Miramar*, British steamer, 801,
E. G. Duggan, Swatow Nov. 13, General.
—Bun His Chan.

Nov. 14, *Penacola*, U. S. frigate, 3,000,
Henry Erben, Nagasaki Nov. 5.

Nov. 14, *Guine Brown*, German barque,
400, La

The Pioneer says that misleading paragraphs have been going the round of Indian newspapers of late relative to the final disposal of the three Phoenix Park murder-informers, who were deported from London to Sydney, New South Wales, in the steamship *Peking*. One rumour, which is absolutely baseless, and for which a *Madras* paper must be held responsible, has stated that the three men, Kavanagh, Smith and Hanlon, had landed in Queensland from the above-mentioned vessel, on her recent arrival, having come up from Sydney with horses, disguised as groomers. As a matter of fact, none of these three informers mentioned, except Kavanagh, is in the steamer *Peking*. Before the vessel's departure from London, South Wales all three of the informers were handed over to Commander Erskine, R. N., commanding H. M. S. *Ironclad* at Sydney. Smith, who pointed out Lord Frederick Cavendish to his fellow-travellers, and the Dublin trials, were over, were shipped from Sydney by the *Messages* Maritimes Co.'s mail steamer *Melbourne*, via Mauritius, to Egypt, and then to Cairo. It was Smith (who is addressed in detail) who divulged to the emigrants (including some 40 Irish families) on board the *Peking*, on her way to Sydney, that he and his companions deposed, were three of the hated Phoenix Park murder-informers. He and his wife on the *Peking* went by the name of Mr. and Mrs. Kavanagh. Kavanagh and Kavanagh, after the *Peking* left Sydney and Melbourne, are believed to have been smuggled into Victoria. This is not positive, however, and it is possible that they were re-shipped from Sydney in the direction of Australia. At any rate, it is certain that neither Smith, Kavanagh nor Hanlon have come to Calcutta, or for that matter to India.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

Many of your readers doubtless noticed the beautiful glow which tinged the western sky after the sun had set on Friday evening. The same phenomenon could be witnessed before the sun rose on the following morning. I happened to be out early, and the harbour, with its shipping, presented a most remarkable appearance with the ruddy hue cast upon it.

I notice that the presence of the same glow in Australia, only in last month, has excited considerable attention there. One writer in the Australian papers, after referring to this singular appearance of the sky on successive evenings, goes on to say: "The other night as I was approaching Victoria Bridge, a couple before me had halted to admire the lovely flush of colour. He, I noticed, was pressing very close to her, after the fashion that has been in vogue so long, and as I approached I caught the low remark, 'Just like the blush on your cheek, darling, when —.' I passed them. At the other end two men were leaning on a fence, smoking steadily and looking at the ruddy sky. 'Rum, isn't it?' Tom," said one, "blessed if it ain't the colour of old Billy — a nose."

This may, I suppose, be regarded as a descent from the sublime to the ridiculous.

I read with great interest your account of the brilliant manoeuvres performed by our volunteers at Kowloon on Saturday afternoon, from the gallant repulse of the imaginary enemy advancing from Yau-ma-tei, to the determined attack made upon the dinner which wound up the proceedings. This attack upon the viands, however, does not appear to have been very effective, because I notice that, after it was over, Sergeant-Major Clarke, in responding to a toast, said "there was a decided lack of 'lightness' on such a convivial occasion; if he did, the Hongkong Volunteers are noted for the slowness with which they obey the commands of their officers."

This alleged "slowness in the ranks" appeared even less understandable to me when I went on to read that Lieutenant Mosley proposed the Corps should furnish a certain "gallant old gentleman with a new pair of unmentionables to make up for damage done by his exertions during the manoeuvres."

Seriously, I am glad to see the Corps showing signs of vigorous vitality, and I trust the members will have many more such field days as the one on Saturday, with its healthful exercise and its pleasant termination.

There are some people who would decry the blessings of the newspaper press. Let them read the following two advertisements which I clipped from a Sydney paper, think of the two estranged and bleeding hearts again brought into union, the home again made happy, and realise that all this was effected by a newspaper for the small cash payment of 5s.

"Notice.—I, Mrs. Gover, am sorry I left my husband and children, Sydney, June 20th."

"Notice.—I, J. Gover, am sorry for leaving so easily, leaving my wife and child, Sydney, June 21st."

I think everyone in Hongkong will be glad to learn that Sir George Bowen is in favour of a park being made out of the moraine in the Happy Valley, and that he intends bringing the matter before the newly constituted Legislative Council. No definite scheme has yet, I understand, been decided upon. It is a pity that the Valley is so far out of Hongkong, but it is a greater pity to allow such a beautiful spot to lie useless and in an unhealthy state. I fear the proposed park will be too far away to be used regularly for recreative purposes, but it will be at least a pleasant resort for the com-

pany. It is, in my opinion, very desirable that this work should be done by the Government at the public expense, in preference to devoting the funds raised for a memorial to Sir Arthur Kennedy to carrying it out. Thanks to Sir George Bowen for stepping in at the juncture, the memory of Sir Arthur Kennedy will be honoured with a statue, and the community will nevertheless get a public park.

Among the jokes that have appeared in Punch over the Franco-Chinese imbroglio, there is one, which I am inclined to think came from Hongkong. At all events, I heard it here months before it appeared in *Punch*. The joke I allude to appears as follows in the London paper:—

FRANCE TO CHINA.—

"You Hanoi me much."

I do not understand the dismal way in which the Shanghai papers write about the prospects of the electric light in the "Model Settlement." The present attempt made to introduce the light into the Settlement may be more or less a failure, but electricity will assuredly be the illuminating power of the future in all civilized communities. Of that I have no doubt. Why, the whole of London is now parcelled out among various electric lighting companies, who are bent not only on lighting the streets of the metropolis, but in supplying private consumers with the electric light. There are several reasons, which I have no space to deal with now, why electric lighting should be specially well adapted for illuminating purposes in the East. One of the chief of them is the absence of heat in the new light.

Dealing with this subject reminds me that Hongkong gas is very bad just now.

I am glad to learn that the Volunteers and Police are at last to have a shooting range of their own. The range now being constructed at Kowloon for the use of these forces was really much needed.

There was a considerable amount of revelry by night at the German Club on Friday last. A great many of your readers are I have no doubt, familiar with the proceedings of a social gathering of this kind at the club in Wyndham Street. One noteworthy feature of the entertainment was the military evolutions of a score of strapping Germans armed with billiard cues. I am told that the liquors were as good as the proceedings were jovial.

The South Australian Government proposes to levy a tax on bachelors. It is not expected that the matter will go beyond a proposal, and the Australian paper from which I glean the intelligence regards the idea as "constitutive in impudence and colossal in stupidity." Evidently this critic of the proposal is a bachelor. I wonder what the ladies think of the idea. Could they be trusted to exercise female suffrage on such a question?

I was a witness of the accident which befell the Chinese boy at Messrs Melchers & Co.'s buildings on Monday, and I must say I am surprised that more accidents of this nature do not happen in the Colony, seeing how much children are employed here in dangerous work on buildings. They may be like cats, but I think the Government should prevent boys under a certain age being employed on work which endangers their lives.

Failing wit, it is refreshing to find a little wisdom in the columns of your morning contemporary. I really do think the idea it promulgated the other day of having an exhibition here is worth attentive consideration. I think Hongkong is excellently situated for an exhibition, not of the world's goods, but of those of the East, especially the Far East. This island occupies a central position in the Far East, with China, Corea, Japan, the Philippines, Borneo, the Straits, and Siam around it. Not far off are India, and the Australian continent. Then we have fast steamships arriving here constantly from all these places, and from all parts of the world. Why should we not have an exhibition here? Industrial exhibitions can and are held with success even in half civilized Japan. I conceive that if an exhibition were held here, it would prove of great benefit to the commercial interests of Hongkong and the Far East, and surely the entrance money would go far towards covering the expense of an exhibition, got up and managed on economical principles. I do not know of any part of the world where a greater number of novel and interesting exhibits could be more readily obtained than in the Far East.

I regret to hear of the accident to H. E. the Governor yesterday. Sir George is now approaching the age when he cannot afford to regard lightly accidents of this kind, but I hope he will be able to shake the injured limb at St. Andrew's Hall.

By the way, the preparations for this Ball appear to be now in full swing. The invitations have been sent out, and practices for the special dances have been commenced. We may anticipate seeing on the night of the 30th a modified form—a very modified form—of the scene on which Tan O Shan-ter "glowed" in *Alloa Kirk*.

I hear that most of the members of the Volunteer Corps are very anxious to know why the officers for the new battery were not elected in the same manner as were the officers of the present existing battery. The officers of the present existing battery certainly does seem curious that the former course was not followed; and I think it would have been much more satisfactory

if the papers had been examined in the presence of the voters, and the result of the ballot made known at once.

OUTLINE.

THE CITY HALL.

The annual general meeting of the shareholders in, and subscribers to, the City Hall was held in the Library of the Institution this afternoon. There were present: Messrs F. B. Johnson (Chairman), W. H. Forbes, K. D. Sassoon, D. Rattunjee, A. P. McEwen, H. L. Dalrymple, and H. L. Denryns, (Secretary).

The Chairman, in moving the adoption of the report, said that now the Legislative Council was re-constructed, and the Governor had shown a desire to do all he could for the benefit of the Colony and its institutions, he thought there need be little doubt they would get the Government grant back again for the City Hall before long.

Mr Forbes seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

There was no other business.

The following are the report and accounts for the year:—

The last Annual Meeting was held on the 10th day of November, 1882. The Committee—Mr. W. H. Forbes, having returned to the Colony, which now consists of the Hon. E. B. Johnson (Chairman), Messrs D. Rattunjee, E. D. Sassoon, W. H. Forbes, H. Hoppus, H. L. Dalrymple, and A. P. MacEwen.

The Committee, according to the architect's report, the Building is in a satisfactory condition as far as white ants are concerned. The damage done by these destructive insects during the last twelve months has been repaired at a cost of about \$164, the smallest sum that has been expended on repairs from this cause for many years past.

The Report of Messrs Bird and Palmer, General Surveyors, shows that the work of the building generally is also in a sound and satisfactory condition, while the suggestions of the architects as to re-arranging the interior of the Theatre, and white-washing the walls of the basement have since the report was furnished, been carried into effect at an estimated expenditure of \$173.

The total amount earned by the letting of the Theatre between the 1st July, 1882, and the 30th June, 1883, amounted to \$2,070.04 as against \$2,046.23 last year, thus showing a decrease of \$23.81. The falling off was explained by the fact that but one performance was given by the Amateur Dramatic Club, while the travelling companies which visited Hongkong during the season found their performances too unremunerative to enable them to make their stay here very extensive.

Company, which, in the season 1882-83, found the theatre drew crowded houses, during the last season could scarcely command any audience; the chief reason apparently being that they timed their visit so as to arrive in the Colony at a time when a large number of private entertainments were in progress.

The tariff of charges for the Theatre, St. Andrew's Hall, &c., has been carefully considered by the Committee, and the charges now made appear to be the highest they can expect to receive without making them so prohibitive as to prevent travelling artists visiting Hongkong.

The Committee have been glad to grant the use of the Theatre and the St. Andrew's Hall during the last twelve months, as in former years, for charitable purposes at nominal rates.

Library.—The visitors to the Library during the 12 months under report show a decrease in number from those of the previous year, the number being only 1,239, whereas during the last July, 1882, and the 30th June, 1883, the number was 1,620 in 1881-82.

The first object of the valuable report of the Norwegian North Atlantic Expedition have kindly been forwarded as a gift to the City Hall Library, and for the same reason several other works that have been presented to the Committee have to return their best thanks to the donors.

The proprietors of the local papers, namely the "Daily Press," the "China Mail," the "Hongkong Telegraph," and the "Government Gazette," have again to be thanked for supplying copies of their respective journals to be kept on file in the Library.

The Committee regret that not having funds at their disposal they are unable to make this part of the City Hall as attractive to many residents here as they could wish.

They are glad to say, however, that Messrs. Morch & Co. having kindly undertaken to print a new catalogue at a greatly reduced rate, the present contents will be more easily appreciated and understood by visitors, as the old catalogue, printed in 1876, has been so altered that its utility has been almost destroyed.

The Committee are much gratified by certain clauses of the fact that no less than 17,790 persons visited it between July 1st, 1882, and June 30th, 1883. Of these, 162,088 were Chinese, thus showing clearly that the rules which are in force relating to admissions are not unpopular or unnecessarily restrictive.

Considering that other been given or lent to the City Hall, this part of the building is, in the opinion of the Committee, in a fairly flourishing condition. About forty new presentations have been made during the last twelve months, many of the articles being of considerable interest.

The following is a list of the contributions:—

Don. W. H. Marsh, Hon. J. Russell, Messrs. Anderson, Carey, Collopy, S. Copo, Davis, Demery, Ford, Hogg, Laurie, Livesey, Loong Yip, Mossop, Nelson, On, Rivers, Sangster, Ping, Schmidt, Vincent, Wong Tung Ping.

Accounts.—The balance in the hands of the Treasurer on 30th June last was \$2,162.32 as against \$3,955.53 on the 30th June last year. To this has to be added the European subscriptions for 1883, collected since 30th June, amounting to \$660.00, and the Chinese subscriptions to \$631.00. From this must be deducted the above-mentioned sums of \$166.00 for re-arranging the interior of the Theatre and white-washing the basement of the building.

The usual premium for fire insurance has been paid during the 12 months under report, and the Committee feel confident that they will be able to keep up the ordinary expenditure during the next year. They cannot, however, forget that they have but a very small fund to fall back upon in the event of any extraordinary repairs being necessitated by typhoons or accidents, and trust that it may be found practicable to obtain from the Government a renewal of the Government Grant, in

order that the usefulness of the Institution may be maintained and extended.

Receipts.

Account of Receipts and Expenditure from 30th June 1882, to 30th June 1883:—
To Balance in H. M. Treasurer's hands on 30th June, 1882, \$3,955.53
To Amount of Rent from Theatre, St. Andrew's Hall, Ball Room, and Cricket Club Room, &c., for one year, \$3,232.01
To Amount of Rent from Chamber of Commerce for one year, 600.00
To European Subscriptions collected between 30th June, 1882, and 30th June, 1883, 660.00
To Chinese Subscriptions collected between 30th June, 1882, and 30th June, 1883, 631.00
By Balance, 88,313.54

Expenditure.

By Wages, &c., for one year, \$3,204.00
By Amount paid for repairs, 648.72
By Amount paid for Gas, 563.00
By Attendance of Fire Brigade, Museum Sundries and Office expenses, including fees to architect and fire appliances for the Theatre, 634.00
By Insurance premium, 350.00
By Balance, 2,162.32

\$8,313.54

F. DUBRELEY JOHNSON, Chairman.

SURVEY REPORT ON THE CONDITION OF THE CITY HALL.

The whole of the building has been thoroughly examined, with the result that except in the basement and main roof floor, no trace of white ants has been found. The following are the results of the examination:—

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BRAD & PALMER, Surveyors, &c.

Hongkong, July 26th, 1883.

SUPREME COURT.

IN ADMIRALTY.

(Before Sir G. Phillips, Chief Justice, assisted by Lieut. H. W. Balliston, R.N., as Naval Assessor.)

Wednesday, Nov. 14.

PEKING & MOUNT LEBANON; AND MOUNT LEBANON & PEKING.

Mr J. J. Francis, instructed by Messrs. Brereton, Watson & Co., appeared for the owners of the *Peking*, and Mr A. C. Jones, instructed by Messrs. Sharp, Toller & Johnson, appeared for the owner of the *Mount Lebanon*.

This case was resumed at half-past ten this morning.

Robert Keshner, sworn, said he was chief officer of the *Peking* on the morning of the 18th September. He was in the *Peking* when she left Canton for Hongkong at 12.15 on the morning of the 18th September. He was on the fore-castle when the *Mount Lebanon* came on board the bridge before he passed the *Peking* barrier. He saw the *Mount Lebanon* on the look-out from the fore-castle-head. He was on duty on the bridge from the time of leaving Canton until after the collision.

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